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MOBILE VAN SCHEME FOR PAYMENT OF TELEPHONE BILLS

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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the names of the metropolitan cities in the country where mobile van scheme has been launched for the payment of telephone bills;
- (b) whether the said mobile van scheme is proposed to be launched in other areas also;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) This service was started in Delhi and Chennai, but due to poor public response, it was withdrawn. At present there are a number of outlets comprising of banks, post offices and departmental counters to facilitate payment of telephone bills. These outlets provide ample scope to make the payment easier. Moreover payment through internet is also available.

(b) & (c) This scheme has been already launched in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh(West) circles and it is proposed to be launched in Kolkata, Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttaranchal circles.

(d) The scheme has not been launched in other circles due to availability of adequate number of collection counters including Banks, Post Offices and also due to lack of public response.